

**A RESOLUTION
BY THE FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM
CITY ATTORNEY TO PURSUE LEGAL ACTION
AGAINST JONATHAN DODD AND ALL
OTHER NECESSARY PARTIES RESPONSIBLE
FOR EMBEZZLING MORE THAN \$400,000
RIGHTFULLY AND LEGALLY BELONGING
TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA;
AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY
TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY AND REASONABLE
ACTION IN ORDER TO DILIGENTLY PURSUE
LEGAL ACTION AGAINST PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
FOR EMBEZZLING MORE THAN \$400,000
BELONGING TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

02- R-1277

WHEREAS, Jonathan Dodd is the former director of the Bureau of Motor Transport Services.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Dodd and possibly other unknown persons are responsible for embezzling more than \$400,000 from the city between late 1999 and February 2002 for their personal use.


WHEREAS, Jonathan Dodd pled guilty in the United States District Court on June 13, 2002, to charges of embezzling more than \$400,000 from the city between late 1999 and February 2002 and failing to report the income on federal tax returns.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Dodd is facing up to 13 years in federal prison, and sentencing is set for August 29, 2002.

WHEREAS, the Interim City Attorney and Commissioner of Administrative Services have concluded a preliminary investigation of the facts associated with this matter and determined that the amount of monies embezzled involve a sum substantially more than the amount of restitution he may be ordered to repay during his sentencing on August 29, 2002.

WHEREAS, in light of the conviction mentioned above, it has been further determined that a civil action against the named and other unknown persons is warranted; and that the possibility of recovering additional sums entitled to the City from the named and unknown responsible persons is great.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Interim City Attorney that the Interim City Attorney be authorized, by and through the approval of the City Council and the Mayor, to take all necessary and responsible action to diligently pursue legal action against all persons responsible for



and related to the embezzling of monies rightfully and legally belonging to the City of Atlanta.

NOW, AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Interim City Attorney is authorized to pursue a civil action against Jonathan Dodd and all other persons responsible for and related to the embezzling of monies rightfully and legally belonging to the City of Atlanta.

SECTION 2. Expenses incurred as a result of the ensuing litigation against the named parties will be paid from FAC No. 1A01 529017 T31001, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

SECTION 3. That the Interim City Attorney shall provide the Mayor and City Council with quarterly updates on the status of the litigation.

A true copy,



Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

JULY 15, 2002
JULY 22, 2002

RCS# 3893
7/15/02
5:12 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT I

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ADOPT

YEAS: 13
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 3
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	NV Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	NV Boazman	NV Woolard

1 st Consent I Vote:	15 Yeas; 0 Nays	(See RCS #3874)
Reconsidered	11 Yeas; 0 Nays	(See RCS #3892)

CONSENT I

		07/15/02 Council Meeting
ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT AGENDA	ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT AGENDA	ITEMS ADVERSED ON CONSENT AGENDA
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4. 02-O-0969	37. 02-R-1252	56. 02-R-1200
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ADOPTED BY

JUL 15 2002

COUNCIL

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☐ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred

Referred To:

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First Reading

Committee _____
Date _____
Chair _____
Referred to _____

Committee

F. N. F. Lee

Date

7-10-02

Chair

Patricia A. Johnson

Action:

Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)

Other:

Members

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Other:

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Members

Refer To

FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

- ☐ 2nd
- ☐ 1st & 2nd
- ☐ 3rd
- ☒ Consent
- ☐ V Vote
- ☒ RC Vote

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Calvin W. Woodard

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Philip D. Campbell

MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED

JUL 15 2002

Shirley Franklin

MAYOR